

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Scheduled for Thursday, August 20:

STATE ROUTE 100 AT NORFOLK SOUTHERN IN CEDARTOWN TO BE CLOSED FOR REPAIRING THE RAILROAD CROSSING

CARTERVILLE, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) is advising motorists in the city of Cedartown and Polk County of a detour off State Route (SR) 100 at the Norfolk Southern Railroad crossing, scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2009, to accommodate work by the railroad company on repairing the crossing. Eastbound traffic will be detoured off SR 6 onto SR 1 Business and back to SR 100. Westbound traffic will be redirected onto SR 1 and back SR 100. Weather permitting; this detour will be in place on Thursday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

"We understand that the closure of Highway 6 on Thursday may cause some inconvenience and delays, but it is necessary for repairing the crossing as quickly as possible and giving the roadway back to the traveling public and local traffic by the end of the day," explained Kent Sager, district engineer at the Georgia DOT office in Cartersville.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other road operation on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

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